

**Senate Bill No. 684**

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Passed the Senate August 29, 2005

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*Secretary of the Senate*

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Passed the Assembly August 25, 2005

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*Chief Clerk of the Assembly*

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This bill was received by the Governor this \_\_\_\_\_ day  
of \_\_\_\_\_, 2005, at \_\_\_\_\_ o'clock \_\_\_\_M.

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*Private Secretary of the Governor*

## CHAPTER \_\_\_\_\_

An act to add Section 51221.1 to the Education Code, relating to pupil instruction.

## LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 684, Alquist. Social sciences curriculum.

Existing law requires a school district, as part of its adopted course of study for grades 7 to 12, inclusive, to offer courses in specified areas of study, including, among others, social sciences.

This bill would encourage a school district to provide instruction in social sciences that accurately reflects the role of affected populations of the continent of Asia, the subcontinent of South Asia, and the Pacific Islands in the many historical events leading up to and during World War II.

*The people of the State of California do enact as follows:*

SECTION 1. The Legislature finds and declares all of the following:

(a) There were many historical events leading up to and during World War II that affected populations throughout the continent of Asia, the subcontinent of South Asia, and the Pacific Islands.

(b) It is important to recognize that the affected populations in the continent of Asia, the subcontinent of South Asia, the Pacific Islands, and elsewhere should be included in the discussion of the issues and events leading up to and during World War II.

(c) It is therefore the intent of the Legislature in enacting this act that California's pupils receive instruction on the many events and actions that affected the populations in the continent of Asia, the subcontinent of South Asia, and the Pacific Islands leading up to and during World War II. It is not the intent of the Legislature in enacting this act that schools offering such instruction focus on any particular event or on any particular interpretation of an event.

SEC. 2. Section 51221.1 is added to the Education Code, to read:

51221.1. The Legislature encourages instruction in the area of social sciences to accurately reflect the role of affected

populations in the continent of Asia, the subcontinent of South Asia, and the Pacific Islands in the many historical events leading up to and during World War II.

Approved \_\_\_\_\_, 2005

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*Governor*